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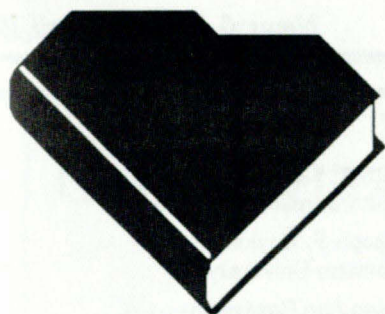
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Interlibrary Loan to be Subject of Study

The SCLA Executive Board, meeting on March 31, 1989, authorized appointment of an ad hoc committee to study interlibrary loan practices and policies among South Carolina libraries for the purpose of recommending revisions in the state interlibrary loan code and protocols. Previous ILL studies were done in 1974 and 1982. Since then interlibrary loan has been impacted by local library automation and the emergence of state, regional, and national networks. Further changes can be anticipated with the implementation of the South Carolina Library Database and a state telefacsimile network. It is time, therefore, to take a new look at interlibrary loan in South Carolina.

The charge to this committee will be:

1. To review the Interlibrary Loan Code for the State of South Carolina, 1982.
2. To survey existing interlibrary loan practices, policies, and patterns in South Carolina libraries.
3. To assess the impact of automation, networking, and other technology on interlibrary loan.
4. To investigate key issues and areas of concern, including but not limited to:
 - a. the routing and referral of ILL requests and/or locations by type of library
 - b. interconnection/access to the South Carolina Library Network and the South Carolina Library Database
 - c. interaction with other existing ILL networks and providers such as SCHIN and

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- the USC system
- d. use of telefacsimile systems
 - e. reciprocal borrowing agreements waiving fees for in-state loans and photocopies
 - f. direct access to local automated systems from remote libraries.

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5. To recommend an interlibrary loan code and protocols for the state of South Carolina.

Members of the ILL Study Committee will be:

Chairman:

Larry Mitlin, Winthrop College

Library Representatives:

Richard Meyer, Clemson University
Jens Holley, University of South Carolina
Neil Martin, Coker College
Gene Elliott, Greenville Technical College
Terry Mackey, Spartanburg County Library
Jennifer Walker, Richland County Public Library
Julia Bailey, Sumter County Library
Jack Hurd, Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough
Carolyn Bass, Hand Middle School, Columbia

Network Representatives:

Lea Walsh, State Library (SCLN)
Ann Kobler, Medical University of S.C. (SCHIN)
Linda Holderfield, USC Processing Center

Liaison SCLA L-P-S Committee:

Charmaine Tomczyk, USC Coastal

This ad hoc committee will function as a subcommittee of the SCLA Library and Personnel Standards Committee. Chairman Linda Allman has appointed committee member Charmaine Tomczyk as liaison to the ILL Committee. The committee will hold an organizational meeting in May to develop a work plan. Progress reports will be made prior to SCLA Executive Board Meetings (June 10 and August 5) and, if possible, a draft of the final report will be presented to the Executive Board meeting on October 13.

Assuming approval of the recommendations by the Executive Board, copies will be distributed to the membership prior to the November convention in Hilton Head and they will be presented for approval at the business meeting. The approved code and protocols can then be distributed to libraries for voluntary implementation.

This is an important assignment, and I appreciate the willingness of the committee members to undertake the task.

Betty E. Callaham

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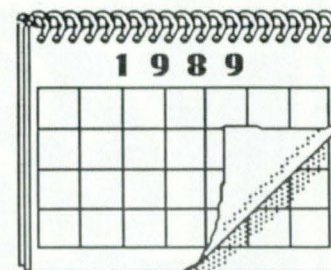
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4	August	July 6	July 27
5	October	Sept. 7	Sept. 28
6	December	Nov. 27	Dec. 14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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| July 6 | Thursday | deadline for <i>News & Views</i> articles |
| August 5 | Saturday | SCLA Executive Board Meeting , 10:30 a.m., South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia |
| September 7 | Thursday | deadline for <i>News & Views</i> articles |
| September 8 | Friday | International Literacy Day |
| September 29 | Friday | Workshop On Students' Use of Public And Academic Libraries |
| October 13 | Friday | SCLA Executive Board Meeting , 10:30 a.m., Richland County Public Library, Northeast Branch, 7490 Parklane Road, Columbia |
| Nov. 15-17 | | SCLA 63rd Annual Convention , Hyatt Regency, Hilton Head Island (see page 15 for more information) |
| November 27 | Monday | deadline for <i>News & Views</i> articles |

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE SCLA BOARD MEETING March 31, 1989

1. The preliminary 1989 Conference budget was approved.
2. The contract for the Hyatt Regency in Greenville for the 1991 Conference was approved.
3. The Ad Hoc Finance Committee was made a permanent standing committee of the SCLA.
4. The Federal Relations Coordinator was made a non-voting member of the Executive Board. This action will require a by-laws change.
5. A Committee will be formed and made a sub-committee of the Library Personnel and Standards Committee. This committee will study Interlibrary Loan protocol for the state of South Carolina and will make recommendations to the profession.
6. A "Resolution of Support of Continuation of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act" was approved and authorized to be presented to the South Carolina Congressional Delegation at the National Library Legislative Day, April 11, by officers of the Association.
7. The Two-Year College Section will be dissolved at the end of this year and members will be allowed to join the College and University Section.
8. Approved the description, purpose, and duties of the Library and Personnel Standards Committee.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Resolution of Support for Continuation of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Library Association supports the continuation of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act because it enables the libraries of South Carolina to better serve the people of the state, including those who are disabled, disadvantaged, institutionalized, or without the ability to speak and read English; and

WHEREAS, the federal support for library services exemplified by the Library Services and Construction Act has helped make libraries a higher priority for both state and local governments and has been a significant stimulus for improved state and local funding for library services; and

WHEREAS, the Library Services and Construction Act, as administered by the South Carolina State Library, has enabled many counties to establish or strengthen public library systems, to extend services to previously unserved or inadequately served populations, and to develop new services ranging from literacy programs to outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, the Library Services and Construction Act was instrumental in encouraging and assisting South Carolina state institutions, including prisons, hospitals, treatment facilities, and others, to develop library services for institutional residents, and has also enabled the state to strengthen library services for blind and physically handicapped readers; and

WHEREAS, the Library Services and Construction Act Title II has provided incentive grants which have stimulated county and municipal governments, business and industry, and private citizens to provide matching funds for the construction of public library headquarters and branch buildings; and

WHEREAS, it was initial funding from the Library Services and Construction Act Title III which enabled the State Library to develop the South Carolina Library Network and persuaded state legislators to provide operating funds for the network which now serves public, college, university, technical, and special libraries in the state; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to improve the services available from public and institutional libraries, there is a need for more than one million square feet of new or renovated public library building space, there is an immediate need to extend the South Carolina Library Network to serve school library media centers, and libraries must expand services to the functionally illiterate and the economically disadvantaged;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCLA EXECUTIVE BOARD, meeting in Columbia on March 31, 1989, that the South Carolina Library Association urges South Carolina's Senators and Representatives to continue and fund the current Library Services and Construction Act so that essential library services will not be interrupted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the Association are instructed to convey this message to the Congressional delegation in urgent terms during Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, April 11, 1989.

March 31, 1989

L+I+B+R+A+R+Y

THE FORMULA FOR LIFELONG EDUCATION

The South Carolina State Library kicked off its 1989 awareness campaign, headlined "L+I+B+R+A+R+Y: The Formula For Lifelong Education," April 9-15 during National Library Week.

The theme, designed to promote greater use of libraries by South Carolinians, has been incorporated onto bookmarks, bumper stickers, posters, notepads, pencils, telephone file cards and banners. These promotional items were provided by the State Library to public libraries, public school libraries, and college and technical college libraries in South Carolina for distribution to library users this spring.

South Carolina Educational Television prepared a public service television spot using the "L+I+B+R+A+R+Y" theme with photos from libraries around the state. It will air on commercial

television in the state during available public service time slots throughout 1989. A companion radio PSA will also be available.

"The resources available in any library can add up to provide lifelong learning opportunities for everyone who uses the library," explained Betty E. Callaham, Director of the South Carolina State Library. "Our 1989 theme has been designed to convey that idea to citizens of all ages in South Carolina."

The State Library, established in 1969, is responsible for statewide planning, development and coordination of library services. It serves the public by providing requested information and resources to all state public, academic, technical, and special libraries as well as state government via its computerized database.



Federal Relations Coordinator

Dennis Bruce has resigned as Federal Relations Coordinator in order to devote more time to an upcoming bond referendum in Spartanburg County. President Callaham has appointed James B. Johnson, Jr., Deputy Director for Library Development at the South Carolina State Library, to complete the term as Federal Relations Coordinator. "A priority item for 1989 will be lobbying for reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Grant," said Miss Callaham, "and Jim Johnson is especially knowledgeable in this area." Johnson assumed his new responsibilities for SCLA immediately following the National Library Legislative Day on April 11, and will coordinate plans for the 1990 Legislative Day delegation from South Carolina.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY DATABASE

The South Carolina State Library has contracted with SOLINET and OCLC for the establishment of the South Carolina Library Database, (SCLD) which will be a component of the South Carolina Library Network, and will serve as a union database for South Carolina library holdings and enhance statewide interlibrary loan, and promote resource sharing among South Carolina libraries. Start-up costs for the South Carolina Library Database will be provided from the Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, administered by the South Carolina State Library.

SCLD will be created using OCLC's group database and Group Access Capabilities (GAC). Initially the SCLD will include the retrospective and current OCLC records for more than 3.5 million items held by 46 South Carolina libraries which are OCLC members and which have agreed to have their records included in the union database. Eventually the database will be expanded to include machine-readable bibliographic records from sources other than OCLC.

Forty South Carolina libraries which are non-OCLC members have elected to participate in the South Carolina Library Database. These libraries are referred to as selective users and may search the entire OCLC database freely; however, only abbreviated records are displayed (there is no cataloging information displayed). Selective users may also place interlibrary loan requests using the capabilities of the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem with certain restrictions. Selective users may not place requests for items held by libraries outside the South Carolina Library Database. However, requests which cannot be satisfied by the South Carolina Library Database can be referred by a full OCLC member (in this case, the State Library) to any library participating in the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Network.

The machine-readable records of selective users may be tape loaded (for a fee) into the OCLC database, thereby giving all participants access to "fugitive" bibliographic records. These holdings of selective users will be displayed to the entire OCLC membership; however, requests cannot be placed through the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem by out-of-state libraries. This feature has the potential for enhancing resource sharing both statewide and at the local level. It is possible to eventually establish group databases at the county or regional level or by types of libraries.

For South Carolina OCLC member libraries, participation in the state union catalog will have little or no effect on their present OCLC operations. There will be no increase in costs since OCLC has agreed to waive the cost for the initial database profiling. Staff who use OCLC will see no difference in their present operations. The major advantage to OCLC member libraries

will be eventually having access to more South Carolina locations from which to request materials.

There appear to be three major benefits for S.C. libraries to be gained from such a statewide union database:

1. Providing centralized access to non-OCLC machine-readable bibliographic records created by non-OCLC member libraries.
2. Providing non-OCLC libraries access to a statewide union database as well as a gateway to a national database for reference and interlibrary loan purposes.
3. Providing the capabilities for enhancing local cooperation through the creation of smaller union databases at the county and regional levels.

The South Carolina Library Database will become operational in May 1989. State Library staff will conduct training sessions for selective users during the period June-September, 1989.

If you would like more information about the S.C. Library Database, contact John H. Landrum, Deputy Director for Library Services, S.C. State Library.

Workshop On Students' Use of Public And Academic Libraries

The Public Services Section and the Services for Children and Youth in Schools and Public Libraries Section have tentatively scheduled a workshop for September 29, 1989 at the State Museum in Columbia. The sections have chosen to expand upon the topic used by the Public Services Section in their 1988 workshop--school students' use of resources in public and academic libraries for class assignments. 1988's workshop discussed the nature of the problem. The 1989 edition intends to provide case studies of school/library cooperation and to give participants ideas and opportunities to consider implementing similar plans in their own schools and libraries.

National Legislative Day

Report on This Year's Activities

On April 11, 1989 a contingent of eighteen South Carolina Friends, trustees, and librarians joined others from across the country on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. for ALA's National Legislative Day.

The purpose of this event was to get the Library message to our Senators and Representatives in Congress. Your South Carolina Delegation was able to visit personally with all of our elected members of Congress except for Butler Derrick, who had to be out of town that day.

We were warmly received by our Senators and Representatives and we enjoyed exchanging pleasantries and presenting library needs. We were most encouraged by the level of understanding and support we received.

The South Carolina Library Association and the South Carolina Association of School Librarians both made financial contributions to support this effort. In addition, each individual attending paid a \$12.00 fee.

The main topics for our visit were as follows:

1. To support the renewal of Library Services and Construction Act Legislation.
2. To support House and Senate Joint Resolution on Permanent Paper.
3. To support a White House Conference on Libraries, providing its funding did not come from Library programs and grants.

(See related article on page 13.)

Friends of South Carolina Libraries Formed

On April 21, 1989, forty-two librarians and friends from all parts of South Carolina met in Columbia to discuss possible formation of a statewide Friends group. Prior to the meeting, a steering committee had met and had formulated a proposed constitution and by-laws for discussion by this group.

After a great deal of lively debate, a vote was taken and unanimous decision was made to organize. The group, named "Friends of South Carolina Libraries, Incorporated," has established the following objectives:

- To help foster, create, and support local friends of the library groups, and to provide a means for these groups to work together for the betterment of library service in the State of South Carolina.
- To assist in and support the development of programs for the extension and improvement of library services and resources in the State of South Carolina.
- To promote wider knowledge and use of libraries and the public which they serve.
- To foster closer relations between libraries and the public which they serve.
- To advocate financial support for all libraries in South Carolina.
- To support and promote improved library education in South Carolina.
- To support the Library Bill of Rights as promulgated by the American Library Association.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting are:

President: Penny Davis (Charleston)

Vice-President: Cappy McFadden (Waccamaw)

Secretary: Nancy Redding (Charleston)

Treasurer: Carolyn Gilstrap (Pickens)

More details, including membership information, will be forthcoming.

New Committee Appointment

President Betty Callaham has appointed Virginia (Ginger) Williams, an assistant at the USC Aiken Library, to serve on the SCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee. Ms. Williams is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School and is currently working on a masters degree at the College of Library and Information Science. She replaces Elizabeth Lange, Director of Technical Services at the University of South Carolina Cooper Library, who has resigned to accept a library directorship in Minnesota.

State Institutional Libraries in South Carolina

The development of quality library service freely available to all citizens of South Carolina includes service to those citizens who are residents of state-operated institutions, such as correctional facilities, mental hospitals, mental retardation centers, and special schools for the deaf, the blind, the physically challenged, the addicted, and for wards of the state.

Unfortunately, not every librarian who works at a state institution is an active member of the South Carolina Library Association. But the majority now are trained, qualified professionals, many holding the M.L.S. degree from an ALA accredited library science program.

Most, therefore, realize the importance of the goals of the South Carolina Library Association, and strive to adhere to those goals. Current examples of the commitment of state institutional librarians to SCLA goals include the following:

1. Intellectual freedom

Laurie Tamkin, the librarian at the Women's Correctional Center, has since October 1988, coordinated three different five-session courses on National Issues Forum topics: AIDS, crime, and freedom of speech. In addition to reading NIF books on each topic (the books incorporate opposing viewpoints), residents are encouraged to express their opinions on these topics in a free and open forum. Each session is videotaped, and the librarian adds current newspaper articles to stimulate discussion. The South Carolina Department of Corrections Library Division has received two consecutive Library Services and Construction Act grants through the State Library to implement the NIF programs at prison libraries.

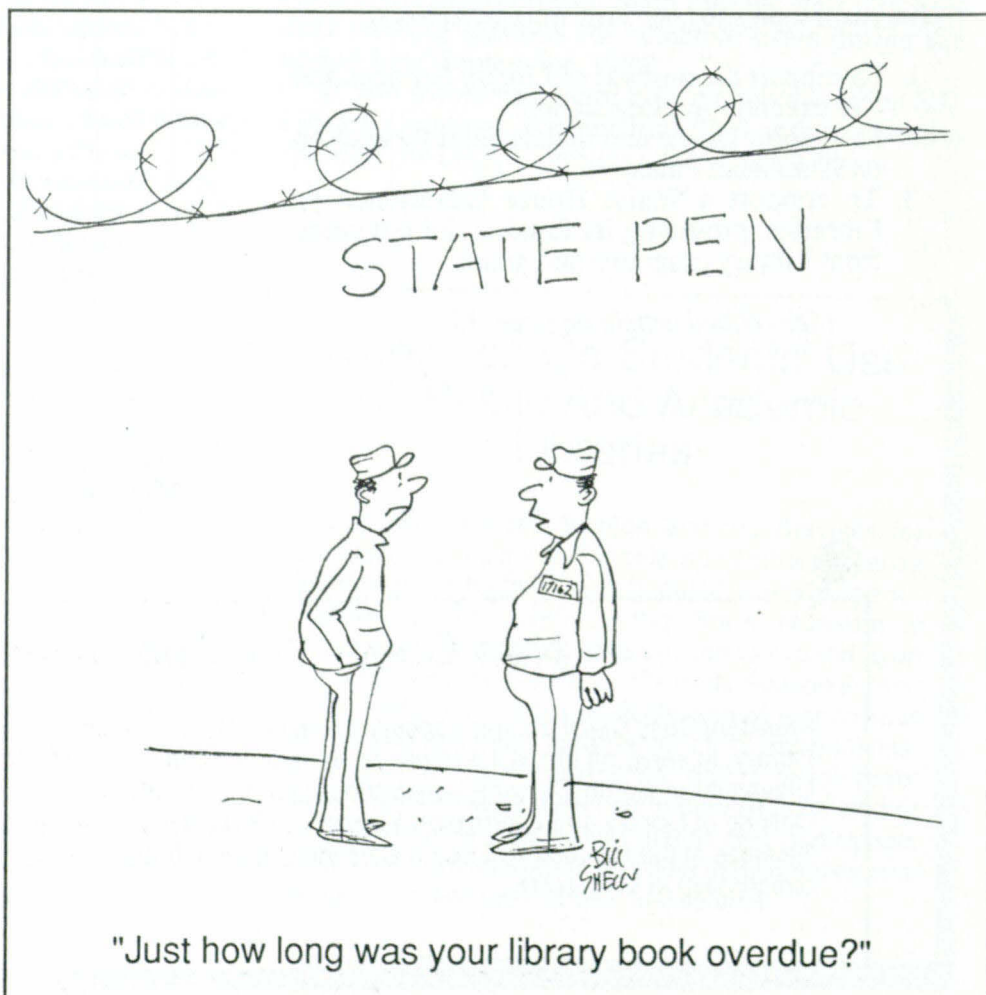
2. Encouraging the State of South Carolina and its units to support institutional library services

Three years ago, the five Department of Mental Health librarians and the State Library's Institutional Library Consultant drafted state standards for libraries in mental health facilities. The librarians then drafted a memorandum and met with central DMH administrators to address two critical needs:

- A. line item budgets for the libraries; and
- B. autonomy from the activity therapy departments at their institutions.

3. Monitoring state and national legislation

The State Library has on its staff an institutional library consultant, part of whose job it is to monitor



and interpret state and national legislation, including the Library Services and Construction Act, a major source of funding for institutional libraries. The consultant in turn is responsible for sharing this information with institutional librarians in the state. They can then promote, through letter writing campaigns and related lobbying activities, improved institutional library services. A current example is the proposed Library Improvement Act, which will replace LSCA at a lower funding level and threatens to eliminate or dramatically reduce federal funding for institutional libraries if enacted by the U.S. Congress. Institutional librarians concerned about this pending legislation will be encouraged to write to their U.S. Congressmen stating their opposition to the Library Improvement Act.

4. Promoting the professional growth of librarians

Each year as part of its continuing education program, the State Library provides workshops specifically for institutional librarians. For example, on March 30-31, 1989, institutional librarians were instructed by Rhea Rubin, a nationally known private consultant specializing in evaluation of statewide institutional library programs. In June 1989, a unique venture at USC will be a two-week short course for graduate credit in prison librarianship. Two South Carolina prison librarians are seeking grants to attend. Previous State Library sponsored workshops have covered subjects ranging from survival skills materials for residents, to merchandizing and image building, to communication skills and wellness for institutional librarians. Institutional librarians also attend relevant SCLA workshops.

5. Public relations

Institutional librarians are participating actively in the statewide media awareness campaign, and will distribute all of the promotional items included in the campaign to their residents, staff, and community contacts, in the same manner as other libraries in the state.

6. Cooperating with other libraries

Three institutional libraries now have access to the South Carolina Library Network and others are in the process of obtaining computer equipment to make them compatible with the network. In addition, they have formed informal networks within their departments and with other institutional librarians. They strive to follow the public library model of service, and many benefit from services provided by local public,

school, and special libraries, such as bookmobile stops at the institution and interlibrary loans.

7. Working with regional and national library associations

This year, the State Library's institutional consultant has shared national standards, programs, and association activities with South Carolina institutional librarians, and encouraged acceptance of the standards, programs, and activities that are sound, appropriate, and feasible. He also served as chairman of the American Correctional Association Institutional Library Committee in 1987-89, Co-Chair of the ACA/ALA Joint Committee on Institutional Libraries, and will represent the United States in August 1989, at the meeting of the Working Committee on Prison Library Services, IFLA, Paris, France.

Quality library service in institutional libraries in South Carolina will continue to be a challenge into the 1990's, in the face of library personnel constraints, inadequate materials collections, inadequate or indefinite budgets, and indifference on the part of some institutional and state department administrators who persist in making library services for residents one of their lowest priorities.

But, through claiming the goals of the South Carolina Library Association as their own, becoming active members of the association, and asserting their special role in the library community, institutional librarians in South Carolina can and will transcend the institutional problems they face, and see that their special needs are met.

**The SCLA Annual
Conference is Coming**

See page 15.

Richland County Public Library News

Citizens for Better Libraries Breakfast

Corporate executives who helped underwrite the costs incurred by the Citizens for Better Libraries to insure the passage of the February 14 Library Bond Referendum were guests of the Friends of the Richland County Public Library recently at an Appreciation Breakfast held at the Big Apple. Over eighty-five persons attended and were presented with special awards and recognitions for their outstanding support of the Library during this very critical time.

Dail to Receive Assistantship

Nancy Dail has been selected to receive the first Richland County Public Library Graduate Assistantship which will provide financial assistance and work experience while she completes the Master of Librarianship degree at USC. Nancy, who has worked full-time as an Acquisitions Assistant I since September, 1984, will work for RCPL as a graduate assistant for twenty hours per week beginning in August.

Two New Librarians

R. Thomas Lowrimore II has been named Non-print Catalog Librarian. He was formerly employed as a Technical Services Librarian at the Horry County Memorial Library.

Quincy Pugh has been named Film and Sound Librarian. He received his MLS degree from the University of South Carolina in December 1988.

For more information, contact:
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Clemson University Libraries' Special Collections Moves to Strom Thurmond Institute

Imagine moving over 5,000 cubic feet of manuscripts, which include the papers of John C. Calhoun, James F. Byrnes, Strom Thurmond and other political figures; the University Archives and the papers of Thomas G. Clemson; textile records; the papers of three National Park Service directors; and a book collection of over 15,000 items. This was the task faced by the staff of the Special Collections Unit of the Clemson University Libraries as they moved from the R. M. Cooper Library to their new home in the recently-completed Strom Thurmond Institute building. With the help of a professional moving company, City View Transfer and Storage of Greenville, the staff succeeded in moving all of the manuscript collections and books to the new building and having them ready for use in five days.

Special Collections' new quarters on the first floor of the Institute include an exhibit area; a reading room for researchers with four study carrels; a workroom equipped with offices and workstations for a staff of two librarians, a manuscript curator, three library technical assistants and up to eighteen students; the office of the Head of Special Collections; and a stack area, including a vault, which is protected both by a security system and a sophisticated halon gas fire suppression system. The building also includes a 234 seat auditorium and second floor offices for the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs, which conducts interdisciplinary research, provides assistance to local and state governments and offers public programs and seminars, all designed to help find better ways for government to work more efficiently.

As part of the dedication activities the Strom Thurmond Collection, which consists of the papers of Senator Thurmond, was officially opened to researchers by the Senator in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 21st. Dedication ceremonies for the new building were held on April 22nd; the keynote speaker at the ceremony was Vice President Dan Quayle. Also in attendance were Senator Thurmond and his family, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica Eugenia Charles, Senator Ernest F. Hollings, Governor Carroll Campbell, and Clemson University President Max Lennon.

Changes at the Francis Marion Library

The Rogers Library at Francis Marion College was filled with changes recently. Not only did the library plug in eight computer terminals to inaugurate its on-line public access catalog, but it also added two compact disc read-only-memory (CD ROM) indexing services.

Catalog Goes Online

After years of planning and step-by-step building, the library is ready to change from the traditional card catalog to the new computer-based one. Shortly, librarians will stop buying and filing cards in the card catalog. Instead, books will be accessed by the computer terminals adjacent to the old card cabinets.

About 85% of the records are in the computer's database. Until the library staff can convert the remaining 15% to machine format, users should check both location sources. Eventually, the library will offer dial access to its computerized system so that Rogers Library users can look at the library's catalog from their own home or office PC.

CD ROM Index

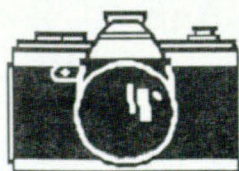
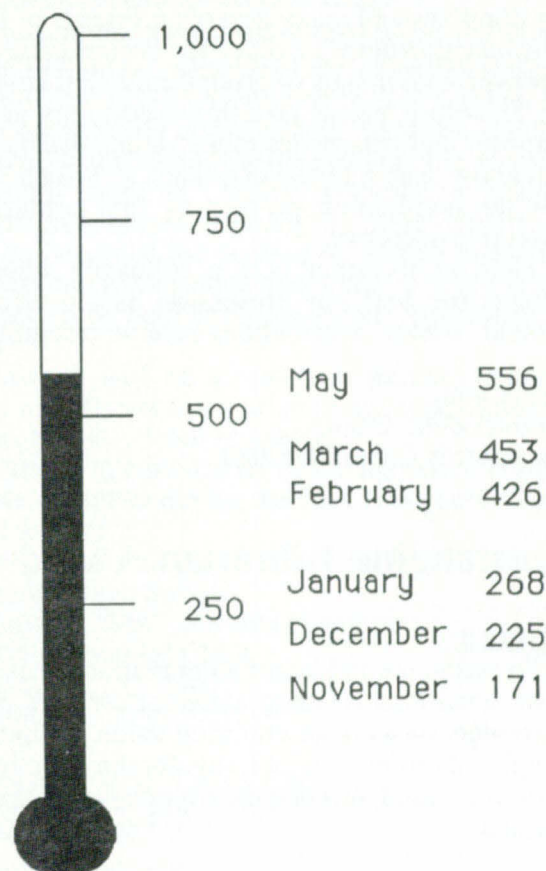
The two new CD ROM Indexes are ERIC and PSYCHLIT. Both are designed primarily for upper-level undergraduates and graduate students. PSYCHLIT is the online version of Psychological Abstracts, the major paper index to psychological literature.

New Wing Dedicated

On April 12 the Rogers Library dedicated its new wing. See related story on page 14.

1989 MEMBERSHIP GOAL -- 1,000

SCLA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Say "cheese."

That's right, we need more librarians to say "cheese" for *News & Views*. So far this newsletter has consisted of articles and some illustrations to help spruce it up.

What we need are some photographs to make the information seem more real and meaningful to our readers. As the saying goes, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

If you are writing an article about an event or person, please send your editor a picture (black & white, if possible). I will be glad to return it to you.

Steve Johnson, Editor, *News & Views*

Search for Candidates of Two SCLA Awards Begins

It is our pleasure to announce the 1989 nomination processes for the Outstanding Librarian Award and for the Friend of Libraries Award. We have many deserving librarians and many deserving Friends of Libraries in South Carolina. In order to receive these awards, however, individuals or groups must first be nominated. Therefore, please take this opportunity to read the purposes and criteria described herein, decide whether you know such a librarian or such a "Friend" and follow the nomination process by first contacting the Executive Secretary.

Help us to honor both a colleague whose work reflects the best our profession has to offer and a "Friend" whose contributions deserve recognition.

Thank you,
Norman Belk, Chair
The Awards Committee 1989

Outstanding Librarian Award

Purpose

To recognize and honor a librarian who has initiated or developed an imaginative or creative program, service, or work of enduring value, including significant professional writing, for the effective use of or increased interest in libraries or a particular library.

Criteria

1. The recipient must be in active service and a member of the South Carolina Library Association.
2. The award will recognize contributions made within five years preceding January 1 of the award year.
3. The award will be given to a person who has served in any type of library-academic, public, school, or special.
4. Nominations must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
(Nomination forms can be obtained from the SCLA Executive Secretary, as indicated below.)
5. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 1989.
6. The award will be presented at a general session of the annual conference, as specified by the Executive Board and the Awards Committee.

Friend of Libraries Award

Purpose

To recognize a person's or organization's outstanding service to a library or libraries. This service should be that which has furthered the expansion of library service in South Carolina.

Criteria for the award

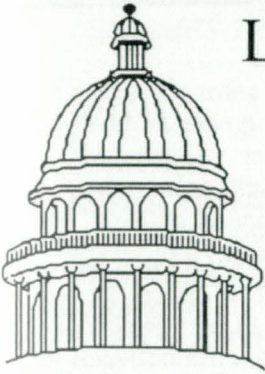
1. The award may be given to a person or an organization having been a "friend" to any type of library-academic, public, school, or special.
2. The service to a library on which the award is based must have occurred within the past five years preceding January 1 of the award year.
3. The contribution made by the person or the organization may include, but not be limited to, financial benevolence.
4. Nominations must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
5. The deadline for the nominations is ~~May 31, 1989~~. Extended to June 30.
6. The award will be presented at a general session of the annual conference, as specified by the Executive Board and the Awards Committee.

Nomination forms and other information concerning either of these awards may be obtained from:

Drucie Reeves
Executives Secretary, SCLA
P.O. Box 8899
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8899

The SCLA Annual
Conference is Coming

See page 15.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

LSCA Reauthorization Hearing Held

The House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee and the Senate Education, Arts, and Humanities Subcommittee held a joint hearing on reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) on April 11 with many Legislative Day participants in attendance. Education Department witnesses summarized the Administration's proposed legislation. ALA President F. William Summers and California State Librarian Gary Strong, representing COSLA, presented testimony enthusiastically endorsing reauthorization of LSCA. Each also recommended several technical amendments. The ALA statement also noted a number of problem areas in the Administration's legislative proposal.

It appears that LSCA reauthorization legislation will be introduced soon, and will be put on a fast legislative track.

Administration Sends Proposed Library Service Improvement Act to Hill

The text of the proposed "Library Services Improvement Act of 1989" was sent to Congress by Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos on March 16. The proposal, with an authorization level of \$137.2 million, would concentrate federal assistance on services for handicapped and economically disadvantaged people, resource sharing, and research and assessment.

Legislators expressed a bipartisan concern about whether rural needs could be met under the proposal's concentration on the economically disadvantaged. Other questions included: why the library proposal was not included in the President's high priority Educational Excellence Act, what were the reactions of state librarians to the proposal, the degree of consultation in the development of the proposal, and whether any evaluation of LSCA had been done prior to development of legislation to replace it.

*excerpted from the
ALA Washington Newslines*

JMRT Looking for Candidates for the New Professional Award and the Grassroots Grant

EBSCO/JMRT NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The purpose of the New Professional Award is to recognize an individual member of the library profession who, within the first two years of library service, has made an outstanding contribution. This contribution could include outstanding participation in the activities of the South Carolina Library Association, notable published professional writing, or other significant activity on behalf of the profession and its aims. The winner will receive a plaque and \$500.00 at the SCLA Conference to be held at Hilton Head, November 15-17, 1989.

The award will be given to a person who has served as a professional librarian in any type of library-academic, public, school or special.

The service to a library on which the award is based must have occurred during the first two years of professional service.

Nomination forms may be obtained from:

Patricia Luken Smith
Chairman, JMRT Awards Committee
267 Mockingbird Circle
Lexington, SC 29072
Telephone: 803/359-1237

JMRT/BAKER & TAYLOR GRASSROOTS GRANT

Each year the Baker & Taylor Company and the Junior Members Round Table of the South Carolina Library Association sponsor a grant to enable a library school student to attend the annual association conference. The amount of the grant is \$250.00. To qualify, students must be enrolled in library school at the time of application, but need not be in school at the time of the conference.

For additional information and application forms, contact:

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DEADLINE: September 22, 1989

A TRIBUTE TO MITCHELL REAMES

Frances Marion College dedicated the new wing of the James A. Rogers Library on April 12, naming it the J. Mitchell Reames Wing in honor of the founder-librarian. President Thomas C. Stanton, Board Chairman Peter D. Hyman, Mrs. Hugh K. Leatherman, Library Director Paul Dove, Jr., and Mrs. Reames participated in the ceremonies. Betty E. Callaham, Director of the State Library, made the dedicatory address. Following remarks about the library's role in education, Miss Callaham concluded with the following tribute:

I am pleased to be here today because this occasion honors my friend and colleague, J. Mitchell Reames. When Mitchell died in 1987, I was vacationing in Alaska and did not know of his death until many days later. So I was unable to attend his funeral or to share in the mourning and the rejoicing of that day. In some small way, this day helps to atone for that omission.

It is a "coals to Newcastle" situation for someone from Columbia to come to Francis Marion to talk about Mitchell Reames. Though I knew him for twenty-five years, I could not know him as well as did you who worked with him on a daily basis. I cannot tell the humorous anecdotes about him or relate the stories that he told so well. What I can do is to tell you how the library profession outside Francis Marion regarded Mitchell Reames. To do so, I would like to paint three word portraits.

The first portrait is of Mitchell Reames, Librarian. That is the role in which we knew him best, of course. You have the facts of his career in your program, his education, his naval service in World War II, and his thirty-six years as a librarian at Clemson University, Louisiana Northwest State College, the University of South Carolina, and finally Francis Marion. We in the profession recognized the remarkable record of accomplishment in that career, especially in the last two positions. We know how Mitchell, under the guidance of Alfred Rawlinson, implemented plans for the Undergraduate Library which was innovative both in educational concept and architectural design. We knew that at Francis Marion he translated a vision into a plan and a plan into a reality which made the James A. Rogers Library one of the most respected library collections in the state.

Beyond his work as a library administrator, we knew Mitchell as a leader in the library profession. He held many offices in state, regional and national organizations. He was twice elected and served as President of the South Carolina Library Association. (And as the

current President of SCLA, I can assure you that only a dedicated professional would undertake that assignment for the second time having done it once before.) But even when Mitchell was not in office, he was a leader. He was a mediator, using a quiet diplomacy to bring factions together and to heal rifts between individuals. Long before his years justified it, he donned the robes of elder statesman and became a role model for younger librarians - many of whom he recruited, trained, counseled, and sometimes disciplined. His high professional standards and personal ethics became a yardstick by which the rest of us could measure our own performance.

The second portrait is of Mitchell Reames, Public Servant. Mitchell had a strong sense of civic duty and responsibility which I believe grew out of his deep religious convictions. He was a devout Christian and active churchman who applied his Christian ethics in church, community, and profession. Long before it was "the thing to do", he quietly but vigorously opposed segregation. He advocated equality of the races (and of the sexes) because he believed equality was the rightful expression of God's plan for his creation.

Mitchell's concern for his community and his state caused him to give unstintingly of his time, energy, and ability in public service. He did not seek the easy assignments or the ones that would look good on his resume. He was willing to take the difficult jobs, the ones requiring hard work and determination. Along with his good friend Rhett Jackson, he served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Claflin College, helping to bring stability to a small troubled college and to make it a meaningful part of South Carolina's educational system. He worked with the Alston Wilkes Society to give help to another troubled segment of the population.

It wasn't all work and no play for Mitchell, of course. He enjoyed a good time, and he did many things just for the fun of it. He loved the history and tradition of South Carolina. That caused him not only to serve on the board of the South Carolina Historical Society, but also to make many exploratory journeys in search of the collections and documents which preserve our heritage.

The third portrait is of Mitchell Reames, Gentleman. That is an old-fashioned designation for a man who exemplified virtues and values some today would call old-fashioned; but they are really the timeless qualities of a true humanitarian, qualities which we sorely need in our leaders today in government, in education, and in society.

(REAMES TRIBUTE--CONTINUED)

teenth century writer and sometime philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson. Emerson wrote about:

the finished man - the man of sense, of grace, of accomplishment, of social power - the gentleman; ...open, loyal, true; of humane and affable demeanor; honorable himself and in his judgment of others; faithful to his word as to law, and faithful alike to God and man - such a man is a true gentleman.

Such a man was Mitchell Reames.



SCLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 15-17
Hilton Head Island

The 1989 Annual Conference of the South Carolina Library Association will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Hilton Head Island, November 15-17, 1989. The theme for this year's conference is **Information Services and Economic Development in South Carolina.**

Make you plans to attend now. Programs will reflect the theme with general session speakers including a state official, a librarian and a noted children's author in the last session devoted to "The Year of the Child." Sections and roundtables will have individual programs, many of them directly tied to the theme of the conference.

The call to the convention will be sent to every member of the association in late summer. At that time, hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible after receiving the registration and hotel reservation information. All reservations must be made by October 14, 1989. One hundred rooms will be available in the Hyatt with an additional forty rooms in overflow in the Mariner's Inn which is nearby the Hyatt. Room rates will be \$65 (single or double) in the Hyatt and \$70 (single or double) at the Mariner's Inn. Plan to bring the family and enjoy the conference and beautiful Hilton Head Island! These room rates apply two days prior and two days after the conference.





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